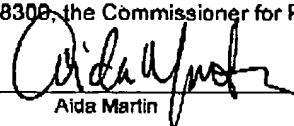


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**Amendment and Response to Final Office Action Mailed May 15, 2006**

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Sir:

The following communication, being filed with the present Request for Continued Examination, is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed May 15, 2006. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1048 (Docket No. GC541-4-C1). Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.**

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.**